Sl.No.	Name of the Item
162.	Thermometers upto 150 Degree Celsius
163.	Lens, Opthalmic from Blanks (Glass)
164.	Photographic Enlarger
165.	Brush, Painting
166.	Tooth Brushes
167.	Bone Crushed/Powder
168.	Aluminium Furniture
169.	Paper Bags
170.	B.B. Axles except through cold forging process

Dereservation of items from SSI list

3260. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the units under SSI are facing threat of closure due to dereservation of items from SSI list;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to protect the SSI sector; and

(c) Whether it is also a fact that one of the reasons for the sickness of SSI sector is non-availability of finance by bankers?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) and (b) De-reservation of products reserved for exclusive manufacture by the SSI units is done after a detailed process of consultation with small scale industry associations and other stakeholders. There is no evidence so far to suggest that the SSI units have faced threat of closure on account of dereservation effected from time to time over the last sixteen years.

(c) While non-availability of timely and adequate credit is one of the likely factors contributing to the sickness of some SSI units, the number of SSI units actually availing of institutional credit is just about 4.55 per cent of the total number of registered and unregistered SSI units. Moreover, the Government has recently announced a policy package to step up

credit flow to small and medium enterprises with a view to, *inter alia*, doubling the credit flow by 2009-2010. The package also includes measures to address the concerns of sick SSI units, such as (i) a debt restructuring mechanism for all eligible small and medium enterprises at terms which are not less favourable than the corporate debt restructuring mechanism (ii) introduction of a one-time settlement scheme to apply to small scale non performing asset (NPA) accounts in the books of the banks as on 31 March 2004, etc.

Allocation of coal by ECL, Kolkata

†3261. SHRI CHHATTRAPAL SINGH LODHA:
PROF. R.B.S. VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the rules adopted by Eastern Coalfields Limited, Kolkata for allocation of ECL, coal;

(b) the reasons for non allocation of coal by the company to the small industries, particularly Khurja Pottery Industry, Bulandshahar in Uttar Pradesh; and

(c) the action being taken by Government to ensure the non-closure of small industries for the lack of coal and its timely supply?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO) : (a) Allocation of coal to core sector consumers is done by the Standing Linkage Committee (Short-Term), an inter-ministerial body under Ministry of Coal. Allocation of coal to valid linked non-core consumers is done by the Eastern Coalfields Limited (ECL) on monthly basis as per the policy within the Maximum Permissible Quantity (MPQ) of the consumer and subject to availability of coal and positive verification status confirmed by the State Government concerned.

(b) ECL is regularly allocating coal to its valid linked non-core consumers including small industries, Pottery Industry at Khurja, Bulandshahar in U.P. as per policy and MPQ. The units of Khurja Pottery

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